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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, the period of response for which runs through May 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 13 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 17 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 18 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 20 of this paper.